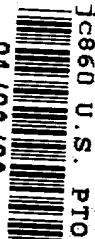


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Attorney Docket No. 03493.00293

First Inventor Chong-White

Title ENHANCING SPEECH INTELLIGIBILITY USING VARIABLE-RATE TIME-SCALE MODIFICATION

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 26]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
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- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 10]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 6]  
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8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)  
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9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
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139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
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112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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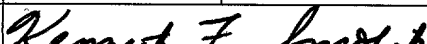
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Atty Docket Number	03493.00293

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